

CLAIMS

1. A method for customizing a reminder for a programming event comprising the steps of:
 - 5 providing a reminder customizer (107) on a first instrument (102, 120), wherein the reminder customizer (107) includes a reminder options feature (213, 215, 217) which permits a user to indicate at least one of a plurality of devices on which the reminder is to appear.
 - 10 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing a second instrument (130), said second instrument (130) being in communication with said first instrument (102, 120), wherein said at least one indicated device on which the reminder is to appear is operably connected to said second instrument (130).
 - 15 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the reminder customizer (107) further includes a customizable auto-tune feature (219) which permits the user to specify that the programming event for which the reminder is created is automatically tuned to at a designated time and date and on a desired device.
 - 20 4. The method of claim 1, wherein if the user does not indicate the device on which the reminder is to appear, further comprising the step of activating a default mode (317).
 - 25 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the default mode (317) is customizable by the user.
 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the device comprises at least one of a television, PDA, computer, cellular phone and landline phone.
 - 30 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the first instrument (102, 120) comprises a receiver.

8. A method for customizing a reminder for a programming event comprising the steps of:

providing a reminder customizer (107) on a set top box;

5 providing a user interface (200) for interactive communication with said reminder customizer (107), said user interface (200) providing a reminder options feature (213, 215, 217) to permit a user to indicate at least one of a plurality of devices, capable of displaying the programming event, on which the reminder is to appear.

10 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of providing a second instrument (130), said second instrument (130) being in communication with said set top box, wherein said selected device on which the reminder is to appear is operably connected to said second instrument (130).

15 10. The method of claim 8, wherein the reminder customizer (107) further includes a customizable auto-tune feature (219) which permits the user to specify that the programming event for which the reminder is created is automatically tuned to at a designated time and date and on a desired device.

20 11. The method of claim 8, wherein if the user does not indicate the device on which the reminder is to appear, further comprising the step of activating a default mode (317).

25 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the default mode (317) is customizable by the user.

13. The method of claim 8, wherein the device comprises at least one of a television, PDA, computer, cellular phone and landline phone.

14. An apparatus for customizing a reminder for a programming event comprising:
a reminder customizer (107) which includes a reminder options feature
(213, 215, 217) for permitting a user to select at least one device for displaying a
5 reminder at that device; and
a controller (109) for controlling coupling of a decoded signal to at least
one device in accordance with the user-selected reminder options.
15. The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a decoder (103) for providing the
10 decoded signal from an input signal.
16. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the reminder customizer (107) further
includes a customizable auto-tune feature (219) which permits the user to specify that
the programming event for which the reminder is created is automatically tuned to at
15 a designated time and date and on a desired device.
17. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the device comprises at least one of a
television, PDA, computer, cellular phone and landline phone.